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District Board, Trichinopoly.

314 Q.—Diwan Bahadur S. Rm. M. Ct. Pethachi Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the resolution of the District Board of Trichinopoly, dated 22nd December 1923, requesting the Government to confer on it the privilege of electing its own President has been communicated to him ; and

(b) whether the request of the Board has been granted ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Re-arrangement of local boards in the Kistna district.

315 Q.—Mr. P. Peddiraju : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether in view of the bifurcation of the Kistna district the Government intend to re-arrange the local boards in the district ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to lay the proposals on the table ?

A.—(a) & (b) No re-arrangement is at present proposed. The district board has not yet moved in the matter.

Taluk Board, Kasaragod.

316 Q.—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the proceedings of the meetings of the Kasaragod Taluk Board held at Kasaragod, South Kanara district, on Monday the 29th October 1923 ;

(2) whether it is a fact that nearly 64 items had been put on the agenda for consideration and disposal at that meeting and that all the items were ordered 'to lie over' ;

(3) whether it is a fact that the failure to transact any business at that meeting was due to personal differences between the President and other members of the taluk board ;

(4) whether the Government will kindly state the total amount of travelling allowances and batta drawn by the members of the board for attendance at that particular meeting ; and

(5) if the Government have no information on these points whether they will be pleased to call for and furnish the necessary information at an early date ?

A.—(1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) *to* (4) The Government have no information.

(5) The information will be called for.

Amalgamation of the Trichinopoly and Srirangam municipalities.

317 Q.—Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government have any idea of amalgamating the Trichinopoly and Srirangam municipalities into one big municipal corporation ; and

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(2) if so, whether the Government propose to call for the views of both the municipalities concerned and also of the people in both the places?

A.—The Government have no such intention.

Slaughter of useful cattle.

318 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have issued a general order declaring that municipal resolutions prohibiting the slaughter of useful cattle are *ultra vires*; and

(*b*) the grounds of that order?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Government are advised that this is the legal position.

11-30 a.m. Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if the Government have any idea of changing the law on the point?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think there is any necessity for any change in the law."

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" May I know if any representations have been received from the municipalities with reference to this matter?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I should like to have notice of this question, Sir."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether, though he finds it difficult to take steps to change the law, in the case of useful cattle he will see the advisability of changing the law so as to permit local bodies to prohibit the slaughter of useful cows as distinguished from cattle?"

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" May I ask him whether certain communities like the Muhammadan have not expressed dissent from empowering local councils to prohibit the slaughter of cows, as it might be an interference with what they conceive to be their religious privilege or right to sacrifice?"

(No answer.)

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the text of the advice referred to in the answer to clause (*b*)?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have no objection to lay it on the table."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether this Government received any instructions from the Government of India on the subject?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There is no communication from the Government of India."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state further whether the resolution of the Local and Municipal Conference at Cocanada has been communicated to Government on this point?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The answer is in the affirmative."